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**UTAH LABOR COMMISSION CHIEF ELEVATOR INSPECTOR
WINS GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

The chief elevator inspector with the Utah Labor Commission's Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety has been honored as one of the recipients of the 2017 Governor's Award for Excellence.

Gary Gibson was recognized by Gov. Gary Herbert during a ceremony at the State Capitol.

In nominating Mr. Gibson for the award in the "leadership" category, the Utah Labor Commission describes him as a "quiet" and "unassuming man" who, upon taking over as chief elevator inspector in 2015, accomplished the division's directives to increase efficiency perform higher quality inspections, and reduce the number of elevators overdue for inspection. His efforts have reduced by more than half the number of elevators that exceeded the time period for inspections.

Mr. Gibson has been a state employee for 30 years, the past 15 years with the Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety division.

He is one of 26 individual or team winners of this year's Governor's Award for Excellence among state departments and agencies.

The Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety applies appropriate engineering and inspection standards to ensure that the public will not be harmed by defective boilers, pressure vessels, elevators or escalators.

There are 10,000 elevators in Utah, of which about 8,600 or considered "active" and are subject to inspections every two years by the Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety.

The Utah Labor Commission is the state regulatory agency responsible for protecting the health, safety, and economic well-being of employees and employers and ensuring that Utahns are treated fairly in obtaining housing.